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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: SIG(I) Meeting on Pakistan Nuclear Program,
          18 November 1982, Department of State

1. The meeting was chaired by Under Secretary for Management
Kennedy. Among others present were: Bing West, Defense; Nicholas
Veliotes, State; Robert Gray, ACDA. Kennedy asked if there were
any comments on the text of the options paper.

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to establish early on the strategic value of Pakistan.

2. To make an hour and a half meeting short, the following points
were made:

     a. The paper will be rewritten to state up front the
present strategic relationship Pakistan has with the U.S.
Further, that Pakistan is embarked on the development of a
nuclear weapon. However, Zia will probably stop short of
testing. Given the above, the question for the President
is how to deal with the problem which in its present mode
runs contrary to U.S. proliferation policy.

     b. What can we do to broaden the strategic relation-
ship and assistance we have with Pakistan as a sop to Zia's
halting the program?

     c. There was some discussion that the Administration
actually has a year before it has to really bite the bullet.
I countered this by saying it has about two weeks. My
rationale is that Zia's visit will be a lightening rod to
Congress to ask the Administration what it's doing about
Pakistan's nuclear program.

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     d. In reply to a question as to whether or not Zia was building the bomb as a defense against India or as a device which could be given to other friendly countries, I responded that Zia presently is concerned with building a system for Pakistan only and India probably drives them in that direction.
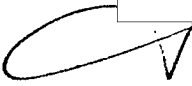
     e. The paper will be rewritten ☐☐☐☐☐ and will be available at noon on Monday, 22 November. There will be another SIG meeting that afternoon to consider the redraft. ☐☐☐☐☐ has been asked to establish contact ☐☐☐☐☐ to see if any additional input is needed from CIA.

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